



## About

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Peter Stubs was founded in the centre of Warrington in 1773, originally involved in the manufacture of files before developing into steel production. Eventually the company moved to its present site at Causeway Avenue in Warrington, where it began to produce a much wider range of products.



Dale McFarland checking Steel structure on Microscope's monitor.

Andrew Gilchrist operating a High Speed Steel shaping machine.

The company was privately owned until the 1960's, when it was acquired by the Sheffield based tool producer James Neill before James Wilkes plc bought the company, which in turn was acquired by the London-based Ascot Group in 1996. The 1990's have been exciting times in the long history of Peter Stubs Ltd, seeing the company withdraw from file manufacturing, but implement a total modernisation of the company's Warrington factory, together with a heavy expenditure programme in new capital equipment. The investment has been made in all areas of production and customer service, including considerable outlay on computer and laboratory equipment to ensure adherence to the stringent



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As a result, productivity and output has increased by 400% making the company the largest independent producer of this product in the world, which is distributed throughout the UK and exported to the USA, Europe and China.



Paul Hill centreless grinding  
Silver Steel bar.

Peter Stubs' office in  
Warrington.

Silver Steel is another popular product in the Stubs portfolio. Despite its declining use within the engineering industry, Peter Stubs is still the market leader for this product in the UK and France, as well as exporting the product to Holland, Belgium, Spain, Greece, South America, Africa, India, Australia and New Zealand.

Other products supplied include Woodruff and Machine Keys, Keysteel, Shim Steel and Ground Flat Stock, used extensively by precision and maintenance engineers.



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